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To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

The Congress has recessed to campaign for the midterm elections, and will reconvene on November 13, 2006 for a lame-duck session to complete unfinished legislative business. It must enact Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 appropriations for all Federal programs and activities except for those funded under the appropriations bills for the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, which were completed last week. The Defense appropriations bill (H.R. 5631), which was enacted on September 29, 2006, includes language to temporarily fund Federal programs and activities through November 17, 2006. Attachment I is a table with funding levels for programs of County interest in H.R. 5441, the FFY 2007 Homeland Security appropriations bill, which has been cleared for the President's signature. A comparison of funding levels for other programs in pending FFY 2007 appropriations legislation is included in Attachment II. In addition to unfinished FFY 2007 appropriations bills, other major pending legislation of interest to the County include telecommunications reform, immigration reform, off-shore oil drilling, and legislation to reauthorize Ryan White CARE Act, Water Resources Development Act, and Workforce Investment Act programs.

Last week, the Congress cleared the following bills of County interest, which the President is expected to sign into law:

- Children and Families Services Improvement Act (S. 3525), which reauthorizes the Promoting Safe and Stable Families and Title IV-B Child Welfare Services programs for five years;

- Older Americans Act (OAA) Amendments of 2006 (H.R. 6197), which reauthorizes OAA programs for five years. The bill would increase California's percentage share of total funding by changing the "hold-harmless" provision and phasing out the guaranteed growth provisions in current law that provide states which account for a declining share of the total age 60 and older population with more funds than they otherwise would receive, based on their relative share of the 60 and older population; and
- Secure Fence Act (H.R. 6061), which authorizes the construction of 700 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Other Congressional action on bills of County interest included:

Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project (H.R. 4545)

On September 28, 2006, the House passed H.R. 4545 (Linda Sanchez, D-CA), which amends the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in conjunction with the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project. The bill authorizes funding for the planning, design, construction, and assessment of a neighborhood water recharge demonstration project in the Los Angeles area with the Federal cost share limited to no more than 25 percent of total cost. H.R. 4545 is pending before the Senate and may be considered during the lame-duck session after the November election.

Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization (H.R. 6143)

On September 28, 2006, the House passed H.R. 6143 (Bono, R-CA), legislation to reauthorize Ryan White CARE Act programs for five years by a vote of 325 to 98. Senators from New York and New Jersey placed a hold on the bill, preventing the Senate from voting on it. They are concerned that the bill would result in less CARE Act funding for their respective states. As reported in the Washington, D.C. Update, dated September 26, 2006, H.R. 6143 would allow states, such as California, to use HIV data collected through their current code-based system through FFY 2010 while they are converting to a name-based HIV reporting system. Without this change in law, the Health Resources and Services Administration has indicated that it would count only name-based HIV data in determining the allocation of CARE Act funds. This would hurt California and the County because it will take time for the State to fully implement a name-based reporting system. Final Congressional action on CARE Act reauthorization legislation now will occur during the lame-duck session.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachments

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 FUNDING LEVELS
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN H.R. 5441
HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Enacted 2006	President 2007	House 2007	Senate 2007	Final 2007
State Homeland Security Grant	\$ 545	\$ 633	\$ 545	\$ 500	\$ 525
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention	396	0	400	350	375
High-Threat Urban Area Grants	757	838	770	745	770
Targeted Infrastructure Protection	0	600	0	0	0
Rail and Transit Security	149	0	200	150	175
Port Security	173	0	200	210	210
Emergency Management Performance Grant	183	170	186	220	200
Firefighting Grants	540	293	545	552	547
SAFER ¹	109	0	110	127	115
Urban Search and Rescue Teams	20	20	20	30	25

Footnote

- ¹ SAFER refers to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighting Program.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 FUNDING LEVELS
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN H.R. 5672
SCIENCE/STATE/JUSTICE/COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Enacted 2006	President 2007	House¹ 2007	Senate² 2007
Justice				
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 415	\$ 71
Justice Assistance Grant ³	317	0	445	465
Drug Courts	10	0	40	15
COPS Methamphetamine Grants	63	40	99	61
COPS Technologies and Interoperable Communications	138	0	100	110
DNA Initiative	107	176	176	176
Juvenile Justice Formula Grant	79	93	75	64
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	49	0	49	50
Southwest Border Prosecutor Program	30	30	40	29
Economic Development Assistance	251	297	231	251

Footnotes

¹ H.R. 5672, as passed by the House on June 29, 2006.

² H.R. 5672, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 13, 2006.

³ The funding levels are for formula Justice Assistance Grants only.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 FUNDING LEVELS
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN
LABOR / HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES / EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Enacted 2006	President 2007	House¹ 2007	Senate² 2007
Labor				
Adult Training	\$ 864	\$ 712	\$ 854	\$ 800
Youth Training	941	841	936	936
Dislocated Workers	1,190	875	1,193	1,193
State Employment Service	716	689	689	689
Title-V Older Americans Employment	432	432	420	432
Health and Human Services				
Bioterrorism Public Health Grants	824	824	824	824
HRSA Hospital Preparedness Grants	495	487	487	487
Ryan White Emergency Assistance	604	604	604	606
Ryan White AIDS Total	2,038	2,133	2,108	2,139
Community Health Centers	1,782	1,963	1,988	1,926
Family Planning	283	283	283	283
Preventive Health Block Grant	99	0	100	100
Maternal and Child Health Grant	693	693	700	693
Substance Abuse Block Grant	1,759	1,759	1,834	1,789
Mental Health Block Grant	428	428	428	428
Social Services Block Grant	1,700	1,200	1700	1,700
Community Services Block Grant	630	0	430	630
Child Welfare Services	287	287	287	287
Independent Living ³	186	186	186	186
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	394	434	434	420
Child Care Development Block Grant	2,062	2,062	2,062	2,062
Refugee Social Services	154	150	154	150
Refugee Targeted Assistance	49	49	49	49
Refugee Assistance Total	570	615	604	600
Administration on Aging (AoA) Total	1,363	1,335	1,390	1,381
AoA Family Caregivers	156	154	156	156
AoA Nutrition	715	712	722	715
AoA Supportive Services	351	351	351	351

Footnotes

¹ In H.R. 5647, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee on June 20, 2006.

² In S. 3708, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 20, 2006.

³ Includes \$46 million for Independent Living Training Voucher Grants.

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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 FUNDING LEVELS IN H.R. 5576
FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) PROGRAMS
OF COUNTY INTEREST
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Enacted 2006	President 2007	House¹ 2007	Senate² 2007
Community Development Block Grant (Formula Grant)	\$ 3,711	\$ 2,975	\$ 3,873	\$ 3,877
Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (Vouchers)	15,808	15,920	15,846	15,920
Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (Contracts)	5,037	5,676	5,476	5,676
Section 8 Administrative Fees	1,238	1,281	1,138	1,271
Public Housing Operating Fund	3,564	3,564	3,564	3,660
Public Housing Capital Fund	2,439	2,178	2,178	2,460
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,327	1,536	1,536	1,511
HOME (Formula Grant)	1,690	1,816	1,828	1,862
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	286	300	300	295
American Dream Downpayment Initiative	25	100	25	25
Brownfields	10	0	15	0

Footnotes

¹ In H.R. 5576, the FFY 2007 Transportation/Treasury/HUD/Judiciary/District of Columbia Appropriations Bill, as passed by the House on June 14, 2006.

² In H.R. 5576, the FFY 2007 Transportation/Treasury/HUD/Judiciary Appropriations Bill, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 26, 2006.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2007 FUNDING LEVELS FOR ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN H.R. 5427
ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

PROJECTS	House¹ 2007	Senate² 2007
Construction		
Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) ³	\$ 5,564,000	\$ 5,564,000
Operation and Maintenance		
Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA)	5,071,000	4,071,000
Marina del Rey - Maintenance Dredging	1,460,000	1,460,000
General Investigations		
Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study	200,000	400,000
California Coastal Sediment Master Plan	300,000	300,000
Coast of California Storm and Tidal Wave Study	200,000	0
L. A. County (Regional Dredged Material Management Plan)	200,000	300,000
Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Study	200,000	0
Malibu Creek Watershed	0	608,000
Sun Valley Watershed Feasibility Study	200,000	200,000
Continuing Authorities Program		
Tujunga Wash Restoration Project – Phase II	150,000	⁴

Footnotes

¹ In H.R. 5427, as passed by the House on May 24, 2006.

² In H.R. 5427, as approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 29, 2006.

³ The LACDA construction is intended to close out the LACDA project and complete all contracts.

⁴ The Senate committee report lists projects to be considered for funding under the Continuing Authorities Program without specifying a dollar amount for each project.